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In Re Application Of: John H. Crowe, et al  Serial No: 10/052,162 Filed: January 16, 2002 Title: ERYTHROCYTIC CELLS AND METHOD FOR PRESERVING CELLS	Examiner: Shin-Lin Chen  Art Unit: 1632  Atty. Docket No.: 010023-000130  Confirmation No. 3071
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 18, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116**

**(Amendment B)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 18, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior  
versions, and listings, of claims in the application: